

## “Our Shepherding Mothers”

*In-person Service meets in Warwick River Chapel  
located directly behind the Church building*

*Virtual Worship Service and Sunday School  
will continue to be available via ZOOM – details inside.*

*The Sermon is recorded for replay at [www.warwickrivermennonite.org](http://www.warwickrivermennonite.org)*



## Warwick River Mennonite Church

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May 8, 2022

*Vision: Healing & Hope - God calls us to be followers of  
Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as  
communities of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's healing  
and hope flow through us to the world.*

## WELCOME HOME TO Warwick River Mennonite Church

### Sunday Worship Service May 8, 2022

*In-person and Virtual Sunday School: 9:30-10:30 a.m.*

*Virtual Coffee Connect: 10 a.m.*

*In-person and Virtual Worship Service: 10:40 a.m.*

*In-person Coffee Connect follows Worship Service*

**Pastor - John M. Dey** [ [johnmichaeldey@gmail.com](mailto:johnmichaeldey@gmail.com) ]

District Overseer – David Lehman Church Elder – Tammara Geary

Congregation Chair - Lisa Ziegler

Christian Education Chair - Ann Aulich Outreach Chair - Sue Yoder

Fellowship Chair - Theresa Siebels Stewardship Chair - Tom Salyers;

Members-at-Large - Laura Siebels & Ursula Bock

Secretary - Pat O'Connor office hours: 9:30am – 3:30pm [Tue; Wed; Thu; Fri]

***Masks are required to be worn by each person entering the Chapel for  
Sunday Worship Service***

### -- Gathering --

Welcome and Invocation

Time for Greeting

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We celebrate today our mothers who bore us and cradled us as infants.

**All: We also remember mothers who have lost their children through  
illness or violence, whose tears still flow from their broken hearts.**

Leader: We cherish our families who have sheltered us from harm and who  
provided for our daily needs.

**All: We remember families who are separated and those exiled from the  
land of their birth by war's violence.**

Leader: We express gratitude to our spiritual mothers and fathers who guided us  
throughout life, modeling for us the love of God. On this Mother's Day,  
we come to worship the living God, to honor our mothers, and to find  
our solace and peace in the goodness that life brings;

**All: Acknowledging the joys and sorrows of life, we hope to depart this  
place transformed by Christ's Spirit that we may express  
compassion, seek justice, show mercy, and pursue peace wherever  
our lives may lead.**

~ written by Rev. Paul Hayes

Hymn of Praise and Gathering

**-- Hearing from God's Word --**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43  
**\*Hymn of Preparation**  
Time for Silent Reflection  
Sermon Title: "Our Shepherding Mothers" ~ Pastor John Dey

**-- Responding to God's Word --**

**Hymn of Response**  
Sharing of Blessings and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer/Offertory Prayer  
Offering  
Time for Sharing of Announcements

**-- Sending --**

**Prayer of Sending:**

For all the mothers who are still with us, and for those who have gone to be with Jesus, we give thanks today.

For all those who mothered us, some in addition to our own mothers, some in place of absent mothers, we recognize you and give thanks for you.

For all women who have been figures of grace and love in our lives, your example has been meaningful to us.

We pray that God's grace may bring love and light, your way, mothers and mothering women. We love you!

~ submitted by Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

**\*Song of Sending**

**Serving Today:**

*Pastor John M. Dey*  
*Worship Leader: Ursula Bock*  
*Song Leader: Mel Shenk*  
*Readers: James & Samantha Salyers*  
*Zoom Host: Mackenzie Butler Shenk*

**Prayer and Praise Requests:**

- ❖ **Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia for three decades, requests prayer for JCS International's general assembly and board meetings this month. Pray for wisdom and unity of purpose for the members of this consortium of international Christian organizations, as they make decisions and fellowship together.**
- ❖ *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard..." ~Psalm 133:1-2b*
- ❖ **Pray to the Lord that peace will come back to Ukraine, and families will return home and be reunited.**
- ❖ *Prayer/Praise concerns are always welcome & may be requested & updated by calling or emailing Pat O'Connor in the front office: (757)-874-0794 or [warwickrivermc@gmail.com](mailto:warwickrivermc@gmail.com)*

**Warwick River Mennonite Church  
Zoom platform**

**HOW TO CONNECT**

**\*Worship Service \* Meetings \* Gatherings of all kinds**

**Computer:** [Click Here](#) to enter Zoom Meeting

\*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

\*PASSWORD: 809884

**Phone:** 929-205-6099

\*MEETING ID: 846 7407 1811

\*PASSWORD: 809884

*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to  
Mackenzie Butler Shenk (740-868-0016) or Don Brunk (610-787-0823)  
They will do their very best to assist you.*

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**Happy Birthday ~**

May 9	Kelliegh Longacher, Carleigh Longacher
May 11	Rhonda Miller, Dale Shenk
May 13	Chris Davis
May 16	Everett Cassel

**Anniversaries ~**

May 10	Raul & Adena (Longacher) Lear
May 13	Harold & Sue Yoder (1961)
May 14	Steve & Lisa Fannin (1998)

## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Sun., May 8th: Happy Mother's Day!
- ❖ Sun., May 8th: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- ❖ Sun., May 8th: 10:40 a.m. Worship Service & Coffee Connect
- ❖ Tues., May 10th: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Community Prayer Group meets in the Warwick River Chapel
- ❖ Wed. May 18th: WRCLC Staff/Faculty Appreciation Day
- ❖ Thurs., May 26th: Ascension Day

### Sunday School

- **Preschool Class: Katherine Hunnicutt 09:30-10:30**  
Attend in-person class only.  
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- **Middler Class: Ann Aulich 09:30-10:30**  
Attend in-person class only.  
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- **Adult Class: Sue Yoder 09:30-10:30**  
Lively discussion type class. This Spring quarter 2022 we are studying the book of Mark (Theme: "Disciples & Stewards")  
Attend in-person OR virtually.  
LOCATION: WRCS SCHOOL BUILDING, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### Join Adult Sunday School via Zoom:

Zoom Link: [Click Here](#) to enter Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 817 4044 5865

\*When you join, you will enter a waiting room and then be admitted individually

Phone: 301-715-8592 / 817 4044 5865

## Announcements

*While expecting Christ's return, we welcome yours.*

### WRMC COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES ~

**ANNOUNCEMENT DATED MAY 1, 2022:** Voting took place last Sunday as timely announced by Notice to the congregation. Ballots have been counted and by unanimous decision, ***Council will move forward in the pursuit of a transitional pastor who is trained to guide congregations through transition.*** Please offer your prayers to our Lord and your support to each other as we venture forward in faith and hope and a new chapter at WRMC.

## Announcements continued:

### COFFEE CONNECT:

Baked goods are now available during coffee connect. Monetary donations are encouraged and will be used to support the WRMC General Fund. If you wish to donate baked goods, please contact Jenn Salyers at: [salyers.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:salyers.jennifer@gmail.com)

### THRIVE FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH:

- Chicken (fresh, frozen, canned)
- Crackers
- Jelly
- Ready Meals (especially Tuna Helper)

If you wish to help, we collect all donations at the Church Office located in the preschool building (formerly WRCS). Thank you in advance for pitching in and helping with this important mission. Questions? Call: 757-874-0794

### WORSHIP COMMISSION CHAIR NEEDED:

The WRMC Worship Commission is the amazing group of volunteers that plan the church worship service every Sunday! This team brings the service to life with contributions like responsive readings, music selections, decorations, etc., and ensures we have the technology to do it. The Chair of the Worship Commission is, in essence, the chief administrator of this group and sits on the WRMC Council. Please contact Lisa Zeigler if you are interested in serving!

### BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED:

The Warwick River Christian Learning Center (WRCLC) is seeking additional Board Members from Warwick River and the wider community to support this important and thriving ministry. The Board meets monthly. Please contact Lisa Zeigler if you are interested in serving.

### WRCLC STAFF/FACULTY APPRECIATION DAY, WEDNESDAY, 5/18/2022 ~ Volunteers Needed:

As a congregation, we are blessed with the mission of supporting the children who attend the Warwick River Christian Learning Center (WRCLC). We have a new mission to accomplish in May 2022: Staff Appreciation Event on Wednesday, 5/18/2022. What's on the menu? Leafy-green salads, sandwiches, and perhaps a few sweet/healthy treats. All items will need to be dropped off by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 5/18/2022. Please label your containers to aid in the return process.

INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT? Please [Click Here](#) to sign up. Questions? Contact your WRMC/WRCLC Liaison Jenn Salyers at 757-848-8284 or [salyers.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:salyers.jennifer@gmail.com).



**Gift Giving (FY = Fiscal Year)**  
 FY2022 runs 12/01/2021 through 11/30/2022  
 Annual operating expense budget: \$191,710.00

**Attendance Report**

**May 1, 2022**

**Worship Service: 48 ~ Sunday School: 10**

**Offering Report May 1, 2022**

\$ 1000.00 In-person Offertory totals this week toward FY2022  
 \$ 00.00 Mail Offertory totals this week toward FY2022  
 \$ 20.00 for copies made on WRMC copy machine  
 \$ 0.00(net) E-giving support totals this week  
 \$ 0.00 no Coffee Connect this week  
 \$ 1.020.00 Offertory Total 05/01/2022

Budget Offertory collected YTD (12/01/2021-05/01/2022= \$55,915.54)

Total Budgeted need 12/01/2021-05/01=\$81,108.06

**Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church**

Deuteronomy 16:17



**Building News Corner**

**This Week's Building Fund Update**

<b>04/24/2022 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,531,738.05*</b>
<b>05/01/2022</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>05/01/2022 Building Fund Balance to date</b>	<b>\$ 1,531,738.05*</b>

(\*includes \$12,947.05 estimated value stock shares)

We are grateful for your financial support and committed to exercising faithful stewardship over the funds contributed to us. We are aware of the many sacrifices you make to provide these gifts, and sincerely pledge to see that these dollars are used wisely, especially during this time of uncertainty.

To assist everyone in making consistent offerings that are so important to your church, we are now able to accept ACH savings/checking drafts as well as PayPal. Please inform Pat in the front office as to the date and amount of ACH transfers along with any special instructions so that we may watch for receipt.

For PayPal, please go directly to: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)